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REFERENCES: A. JAKARTA 1771; B. JAKARTA 15400 (77)

1. OPERATING COSTS PER TON OF URANIUM ORE REPORTED EARLY
1976 TYPICALLY WERE AROUND DOLS 14 PER TON FOR OPEN PIT
OPERATIONS IN WYOMING, OF WHICH DOLS 5 WAS FOR MINING.
COSTS FOR UNDERGROUND OPERATION IN NEW MEXICO AVERAGED
DOLS 33, OF WHICH DOLS 23 WAS FOR MINING. MILLING COSTS
AVERAGED AROUND DOLS 7 PER TON. CURRENT COSTS WOULD BE
SOME 10 PERCENT HIGHER.

2. WE ARE POUCHING TWO UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS CONTAINING
DETAILED COST INFORMATION: "AN ESTIMATE OF THE ECONOMICS OF
URANIUM CONCENTRATE PRODUCTION" AND "U.S. URANIUM PRODUCTION
OUTLOOK"; BOTH OF WHICH MAY BE FURNISHED TO THE INDONESIANS.

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3. INFORMATION REGARDING SOURCES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR
MINING AND PROCESSING OF HARD ROCK URANIUM (PARA 3 REF B)
CAN BE OBTAINED BY WRITING MCGRAW HILL MINING PUBLICATIONS
AS FOLLOWS:

FOR THE "BUYERS GUIDE" (DOLS 5)

WRITE: MCGRAW HILL MINING PUBLICATIONS
REPRINT DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX 689
HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY 08520

FOR THE "DIRECTORY OF MINE SUPPLY HOUSES ,
DISTRIBUTORS, AND SALES AGENTS" (DOLS 25)

WRITE: MR. CHARLES V. RICHARDSON
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